



United States Department of State

*Office of Foreign Missions
Washington, D.C. 20520*

August 22, 2011

NOTICE

Eligibility for Mission Tax Exemption Cards

Effective immediately, the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) will only authorize the issuance of Mission Tax Exemption Cards to individuals meeting the following criteria:

- is a principal member/employee of the mission;
- holds an A or G¹ series visa; and
- is not considered to be “permanently resident in” the United States.

Mission Tax Exemption Cards are used by foreign missions to obtain exemption from sales, occupancy, restaurant/meals, and other similarly imposed taxes on their purchases in the United States that are necessary for the mission’s operations and functions.

Foreign mission members, who do not meet the criteria outlined above, who currently hold an ACTIVE Mission Tax Exemption Card, may continue to use such cards until the date of the card’s expiration. However, such cards will not be replaced or renewed.

Questions or concerns with respect to this policy can be addressed to OFM’s Office of Diplomatic Property, Taxes, Services and Benefits by electronic mail at OFMTaxCustoms@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 895-3500 x 2.

¹ Individuals holding G series visas will only be eligible for the issuance of a Mission Tax Exemption Card if they are accredited as being a Diplomatic Agent.